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# Grains:



# Protein:



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# My Favorite Food

Grains	Protein	Fruit	Vegetable	Dairy 😜



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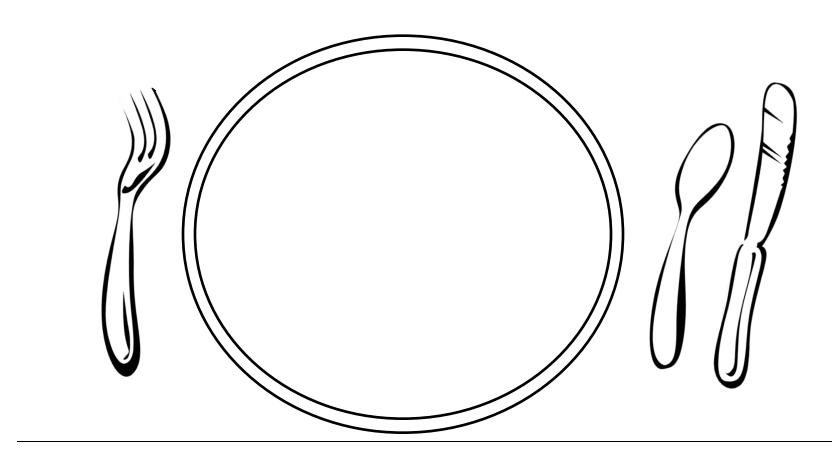
# My Favorite Fruits and Vegetables

Fruits:





# What did I have for dinner last night?





# **Buried Treasure**

\*For children 4 years and older

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- Clear cups
- Straws
- Fresh fruit cut into small slices (strawberries, banana, lemon)

- 1. Remove the seeds from the lemon first.
- 2. Allow children to choose which fruit they want and ask them to put it at the bottom of a clear glass of water.
- 3. Have children try to pull the fruit up with a straw. (They will slurp up a lot of water in the process.)
  - Explain that it is easier to retrieve the fruit if they drink the water to lower the level.
  - Encourage parents to get their own cup and model for their child.



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